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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

LLANRWST URBAN DISTRICT

COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

The Public Health Inspector and I have pleasure in presenting our report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1967.

We wish to thank you Mr. Chairman, the Chairman of the Committees and members for the assistance given to us during the year. We would also like to thank the officials and members of the staff for their assistance whenever asked for.

Yours faithfully,

M. JONES ROBERTS

Medical Officer of Health

The Chairmen of the Council and Committees during the year were as follows:-

Chairman of the Council	-	Councillor William Thomas, J.P.
Chairman of the Health Committee	-	Councillor Norman Roberts
Chairman of the Housing Committee	-	Councillor Captain E. D. Priddle-Higson, J.P.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT

Area of the District	1,321 acres.
Registrar General's estimated population (mid 1967)	2,540
Number of inhabited houses	840
Rateable value	£76706
Sum represented by a penny rate	£282

The estimated population of the Urban District in 1967 was 2540 compared with 2520 in 1966, an increase of 20.

The number of inhabited houses was 840 in 1967, compared with 834 in 1966, an increase of 6.

DEATHS

Comparability Factor 0.82

	England and Wales, 1967	Llanrwst U. D. 1966	Llanrwst U. D. 1967
Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	11.2	19.04	14.2
Corrected death rate (per 1,000 population)		15.23	11.64
Still-birth rate (per 1,000 total births)	14.8	19.6	21.3
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.2	Nil	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	18.3	40.0	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births first 4 weeks)	12.5	20.0	Nil
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	10.8	20.0	Nil
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 total births)	25.4	39.2	21.3

The following table shows the number of deaths which occurred during the year.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	15 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	-	1	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	3	-	1	-	-	2
	F	6	-	-	-	1	5
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	5	-	-	-	3	2
	F	5	-	-	1	3	1
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other Circulatory Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	M	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis	M	1	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Causes:	M	18	1	2	2	6	7
	F	18	-	-	1	5	12

There were 36 deaths during the year compared with 48 the previous year, giving a death rate of 11.64 compared with 15.23 in 1966, and 11.2 for England and Wales.

30 deaths occurred in persons aged 65 years and over. 7 deaths were due to cancer, one of which was due to lung cancer compared to 1 in 1966.

9 deaths were due to vascular lesions of the nervous system and 10 were due to coronary disease and angina. Hypertension with heart disease caused 2 deaths and 1 death was due to other circulatory disease.

Pneumonia accounted for 2 deaths in persons aged over 75 years and there was 1 death due to bronchitis. Other respiratory diseases accounted for 2 deaths.

One death was due to respiratory tuberculosis.

There was 1 accidental death due to motor vehicle accident but there was no death caused by accidents in the home.

One death was due to other defined or ill-defined diseases.

Still-Births

The Still-Birth Rate (per 1,000 total births) was 21.3 compared with 19.60 in 1966 and 14.8 for England and Wales.

The actual number of still-births was one. This was in a baby born in hospital at the 36th week of pregnancy and the loss of life in this case was probably avoidable.

Infant Deaths.

The Infant Mortality Rate was Nil compared with 40.0 in 1966 and 18.3 for England and Wales.

The actual number of infant deaths was nil compared with 2 last year.

Maternal Mortality.

There were no maternal deaths, giving a Maternal Mortality Rate of Nil compared with 0.2 for England and Wales.

BIRTHS.

Comparability Factor: 1.20

Number of births relating to residents: 47.

There are no Maternity Hospitals in the Llanrwst area and mothers are admitted to Maternity Homes and Hospitals outside the area for their confinement. No births occurred in the actual area.

The births were classified as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	24	17	41
Illegitimate	3	2	5
Stillbirths		1	1
	27	20	47

	England and Wales.	1966	1967
Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	17.2	19.84	18.1
Corrected birth rate (per 1,000 popluation)		23.81	21.7

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases in the various age groups notified during 1967. The number notified during 1966 is given in the first column for comparison.

Notifiable Diseases	Total 1966	Total 1967	Under 1 year.	1 - 5 years.	6 - 15 years.	16 - 25 years.	46-65 years	Age Un-known
Scarlet Fever	3	-						
Dysentery	1	-						
Measles	10	107	4	70	30	1	2	2
Food Poisoning	1	-						
Pulmonary T.B.	-	2					2	
Non-Pulmonary T.B.	1	-						
TOTALS	16	109	4	70	30	1	4	2

The total number of infectious diseases notified was 109 compared with 16 the previous year.

107 cases of measles were notified compared with 10 the previous year.

There were no notified cases of dysentery or of food poisoning this year, compared with 1 of each in 1966. Two cases of suspected food poisoning were notified. When the patients were visited they were quite well and had only been ill a very short time. No food was available for bacteriological examination and there was no food that was suspected.

No cases of scarlet fever were notified compared with 3 in 1966.

There were no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified compared with 1 last year, but 2 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified compared with nil in 1966. Two cases of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were removed from the register, two having been cured and one having died. The number on the tuberculosis register is as follows:-

	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females.	Total
Number on register on 1st January 1967	9	3	3	3	18
Number on register on 31st December 1967	9	3	2	3	17

No cases of anthrax in animals were notified during the year.

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

The following shows the number protected by prophylactic measures:-

	Primary	Booster
Diphtheria	40	110
Whooping Cough	35	4
Tetanus	55	131

Poliomyelitis

Sabin vaccine	35	67

Smallpox	23	3

Tuberculosis.

The number of senior school children tested and given B.C.G. are as follows:-

	Llanrwst Modern School.	Llanrwst Grammar School.
Number of children tested:	-	-
Number of children found to be positive	-	-
Number of children found to be negative and given B.C.G.	-	-
Number defaulted.	-	-

The schools were not visited for this purpose during the year.

Mass Radiography Unit.

The Unit attended at Llanrwst on the 9th and 10th March. The weather for the two days was extremely bad but the attendances were very good. I have received the following figures:-

	Under 15.		15 - 24		25 - 34		35 - 44		45 - 59		60 & over		Totals	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	3	2	22	46	29	50	37	24	39	54	33	26	163	202
Number found to be abnormal.					2	1	2	-	5	3	3	1	12	5
Requiring further observation.					1	-			2	2			3	2
Other abnormalities of the chest					1	1	2	-	3	1	3	1	9	3

Analysis showing type of Examinee

General Population Volunteers:	350
General Practitioner Referrals:	1
Contacts	14

The abnormalities found were:

Healed Post-Primary Tuberculosis	2 male
Abnormality of the bony thorax & soft tissues:	1 male, 1 female
Acquired cardiac abnormalities and abnormalities of the vascular system:	1 male, 1 female
Pulmonary fibrosis - non-tuberculous:	1 male
Emphysema:	2 male

Pleural thickening or calcification:	1 male	
Abnormalities of the diaphragm and oesophagus		1 female
Malformation of the lungs:	1 male	

You will note that there were 5 people requiring further observation. This means that they were referred to their own doctor who would probably refer them to a Chest Clinic. I have no further information regarding these cases as reports are of a confidential nature. There is, of course, cause to worry as two notifications of tuberculosis in the urban district have been received since May 1966. One of these was an open case.

Care of the Aged.

Several cases were brought to our notice as requiring care and attention. These were followed up and with the assistance of Health Visitor, District Nurse, Home Helps and the Welfare Officers, there was no cause to take action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act.

One case of an aged person requiring care and attention caused some worry. She was not in good health and although a Home Help was provided she was a nuisance to everyone. She was admitted to hospital and from there she went to a Home for the Aged where she settled for a short time over Christmas, then insisted on going home. This was not a case where one could take action under Section 47, National Assistance Act, but she is being kept under observation. The case is also under the observation of the County Welfare Officer, who is contacting her relations to see if they can help. Her housing conditions are very good but she would definitely be much better off in a Home for Aged People - her family may be able to persuade her to agree to becoming a resident at Awel y Mor, Abergele.

The Health Visitor is to be praised regarding the work she does with aged people - even outside working hours and sometimes late at night.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE

The arrangements for the disposal of sewage is similar to previous years.

The construction of the new Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme at Plas-yn-Dre Fields is almost completed. It is anticipated that the whole Scheme will be in operation early in 1968.

The sewer extension to the north of the town to serve Plas Isaf, and mentioned in last year's Annual Report has been completed and properties previously on cesspools and septic tanks will be connected immediately the main Sewage Disposal Works are completed.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the town is controlled and administered by the West Denbighshire and West Flintshire Water Board. Water is obtained from Crafnant Lake in Caernarvonshire and Llyn Conwy in Denbighshire. It is chlorinated both at Cae Crwn, Crafnant, Trefriw, and at Llyn Conway, and has been satisfactory during the year both in quantity and quality.

Number of Dwelling Houses in urban area	840
Number supplied from public water mains	834
Population supplied direct to houses	2520
Population supplied direct to houses by stand pipes	14

Ten samples of water from the public mains were submitted for bacteriological examination, eight of which were reported as Ministry of Health Class I Satisfactory. The other samples were Class 4 Unsatisfactory. Subsequent samples taken were however found to be satisfactory.

SCAVENGING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

The collection of refuse is carried out by means of one 'Karrier' Bantam low loading metal covered vehicle. A weekly collection is maintained throughout the urban area.

The refuse is disposed of at Plas-yn-Dre fields and is controlled by depositing layers of soil on the tip surface. This work is done approximately every three days by means of a Ferguson tractor with high lift loading shovel. No complaint was received during the year. The total cost of the refuse collection and disposal for the financial year ended 31st March 1967 was £2,980.

Consideration was given during the year to the necessity of providing alternative landto Plas-yn-Dre fields for the purpose of domestic refuse tipping. This land is gradually being filled, and the Council have approached the neighbouring Nant Conway Rural District Council regarding the use of the Dolgarrog tip.

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Inspection of food premises is regularly carried out in accordance with the above regulations. Most premises are kept reasonably clean and satisfactory. There are three school canteens and kitchens in the town, all very well conducted and a high standard of hygiene is maintained by the staff.

The details of food premises subject to the regulations are as follows:-

Premises	No.	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16	No. to which Regulation 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19	No. of Inspections
Butchers Shops	5	5	5	5	51
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2	16
Dairies/Milk Bars	2	2	2	2	8
Fruiterers	6	4	4	4	16
Cafes	4	4	4	3	29
Public Houses	5	3	5	3	12
Hotels	4	3	4	3	18
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3	10
School Canteens	3	3	3	3	12
Grocers	12	9	10	9	46

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

	Weight Cwts.	Lbs.
1. Meat at Slaughterhouse	-	46
2. Meat at Wholesale Premises	-	-
3. Meat at Retail Shops	-	20
4. Cooked meat and meat products	1	33
5. Canned Meats	-	96
6. Other canned foods	1	13
7. Fish (fresh)	-	20
8. Fruits and vegetables (fresh)	-	45
9. Other foods	1	42
TOTAL	5	91

The method of disposal of condemned foods is by burial and burning.

Foreign Matter and Mould

No case was dealt with during the year.

Food Sampling

Particulars of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 during the year ended 31st December 1967.

Article	No. Taken	Genuine	Not Genuine, or Sub-standard
MILK.	9	9	-
Biscuits	1	1	-
Ice Cream	1	1	-
Ice Lollies	1	1	-
Meat Pies	1	1	-
Sausages	1	1	-
Frozen Buttered Haddock	1	1	-
Blood Mixture	1	1	-
TOTALS	16	16	-

In addition to the usual tests for quality, six of the samples of milk submitted were examined for the presence of antibiotics with a negative result in each case. All the samples were certified by the Public Analyst to be genuine and free from all prohibited preservatives and colouring matter.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is one private slaughterhouse in the urban area and licensed by the Council.

This is well kept, clean and in a sanitary condition.

All meat is inspected and stamped according to the Meat Regulations, 1963. There has been 100% Meat Inspection.

Reciprocal arrangements are also made for the Public Health Inspector of Hiraethog R. D. C. to inspect meat in the absence of the Council's Inspector and vice versa.

The animals are slaughtered and inspected between 8.30 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Slaughtering outside these times is notified separately by the butchers. There is no Sunday slaughtering.. There is good co-operation between the butchers and the Council in an effort to keep within the scheduled times of slaughtering.

There are no poultry slaughtering establishments in the area. A general oversight inspection of poultry is kept in the shops.

Details of the amount of slaughtering and through put are submitted below:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	94	2	-	1495	193
Number inspected	94	2	-	1495	193

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	11	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2.1%	NIL	NIL	0.7%	1.5%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cysticerosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Details of Meat Condemned

		lb.
Beef		
	(a) Complete carcases	NIL
	(b) Part carcases and organs	27
	OXEN Localised tuberculosis	NIL
2 parts	OXEN Other diseases	27
Pork		
	(a) Complete carcases	NIL
	(b) Part cases and organs	5
	Part Localised tuberculosis	NIL
	3 Parts Other diseases	5
Veal		
	(a) Complete carcases	NIL
	(b) Part carcases and organs	NIL
	Complete carcases	NIL
Mutton and Lamb		
	(a) Complete carcases	NIL
	(b) 11 Part cases and organs	14

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED - 46 lbs.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY REGULATIONS

There were no contraventions.

Offensive Trades

Premises established as Offensive Trades at the end of 1967.

Fellmonger 1

A new effluent treatment plant was installed at the premises during the year. The premises are satisfactorily conducted.

There is also one fried fish shop. The shop was periodically visited and found to be clean. No action had to be taken.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

No action was necessary under the above Act.

RODENT CONTROL

Infestations of rats and mice in the district were generally of a minor nature. The sewers and refuse tip are subject to constant supervision.

Sewer manholes test baited 102
Sewer manholes poison treated 44
Treatments carried out on tip 6

CAMPING

Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960

There are three caravan sites licensed within the Urban District consisting of twelve caravans. Also one caravan club site of 5 caravans. The sites are served with mains water and septic tanks. Refuse is collected weekly in the Summer.

Conditions were found to reasonably satisfactory. No action was necessary. 31 visits were made to the sites.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Public Conveniences at Plas-yn-Dre and Wellington Place are each visited three times and cleaned daily.

Work is now progressing on the new Public Conveniences in the Recreation Ground. It is anticipated that these will be ready for the Summer season 1968.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1959

The total number of factories and bakehouses in the Urban District is 37 and comprise:-

3 Bakeries and Confectioners
1 Toy Manufacturer
2 Printing Works
1 Dressmakers
1 Monumental Mason
2 Bootmakers
1 Radiator Repair Works
1 Steel Brush Manufacturers
7 Motor Workshops
1 Fellmonger
6 Joiners Workshops
1 Blacksmith
1 Gas Depot
7 Miscellaneous
1 Light Engineering Works - Printers Plant
1 Electricity Depot

Part 1 of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	57	5	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	36	57	5	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases of which defects were found				No. of cases which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectr.	By H.M. Inspectr.	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	2	-	2	-
TOTAL	5	7	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworks
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110				Section 111	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
aring) Making arel) etc.,) Cleaning) and)Washing						
usehold linen						
ce, lace curins and nets						
rtains and rniture hanggs						
rniture and holstery						
ectro-plate						
le making						
ass and brass ticles						
r pulling						
on and Steel chors & grapnels						
rt gear						
cks, Latches d keys						
brellas, etc.						
tificial owers						
ts, other than re nets						
ts						
cks						
cquet and nis balls						

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Cont.)

Outworks

(Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110				Section 111	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notice served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Paper bags The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially, of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting Carding, etc. of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and Sweetmeats.						
Cosaques, Christmas Stockings, etc.						
Textile Weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL						

NIL

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

147 visits of all kinds were made in connection with the above Act. A summary of the inspections and analysis of contraventions is submitted below. A number of improvements were carried out involving the installation of water closets, washing facilities, basins with hot and cold water.

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of Premises registered during the year	No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of Premises receiving a general inspection during year
Offices	2	30	25
Retail Shops	4	50	35
Warehouses	-	4	4
Catering Establishments	-	9	9
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	2
TOTALS	6	95	75

Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contravention	Number found	Abated
4	Cleanliness	4	4
7	Ventilation	1	1
8	Lighting	1	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	2	2
10	Washing Facilities	3	2
24	First Aid General Provisions	-	-
	TOTAL	11	10

HOUSING

There are 840 dwelling houses in the Urban Area according to the Rate Books at the 31st December 1967.

Housing and Public Health Acts

(A) Repair

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:-

	Sections 9, 10, 16 Housing Act, 1957	Public Health Act, 1936	Totals	
			Informal	Formal
(a) By owner	2	9	11	-
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	9	11	-

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957.

(a) Individual Houses.

Closing Orders made (Section 17) - 1

(b) Clearance Areas.

Represented during year - NIL

(C) Water Supply

1. Number of houses (not separate dwellings within a house) without water supply in the house:

(a) Mains outside - 5
(b) Independent outside - -

5

2. Number of houses without a mains supply but with own supply in the house - 5

3. Number of houses connected to the public supply during the year - 6

(D) Drainage

1. Number of houses (not separate dwellings within a house) with:-

(a) Privies ..... NIL
(b) Pail closets 1
(c) Other closets than W.Cs. ..... NIL

2. Total number of houses without water closet 1

3. Number of houses provided with water closets - in lieu of other facilities during the year ... 5

(E) Improvement Grants

(1) Standard

	Owner/Occupier	Tenanted
	5 point 5 point	5 point
1. No. of applications received	4	4
" approved	4	4
" refused	-	-
2. No. of Dwellings improved	4	4

3. Amount paid in grants - £1,643

4. Average grant per house - £205

5. Number of Amenities provided:
(a) Fixed bath - 8
(b) Wash hand basin - 8
(c) Hot water supply - 8
(d) Water closet - 8
(e) Food store - 8

(2) Discretionary

No applications received.

(F) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964

None.

(G) Rent Act, 1957

Applications for certificate of disrepair - None.

SCHOOLS

The general sanitary conditions of the two schools were satisfactory.

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory at Conway carries out bateriological examinations of water, food, etc. to detect any contamination. Milk is also examined bacteriologically and biologically for the presence of tubercle bacilli and brucella abortus.

Examination of throat swabs, blood, faeces, etc., are also carried out to detect the presence of bacteria and viruses.

Ambulance Service

This service is controlled by the County Medical Officer of Health at Wrexham, but Denbigh, Llanrwst and Llangernyw ambulances are under the jurisdiction of the Ambulance Sub-Station at Colwyn Bay.

The following is given for the information of the Council and the number refer to cases conveyed by the various ambulances and the mileage covered during the year:-

	Denbigh/Ruthin	Llanrwst	Llangernyw	Cerrig	Totals
Number of cases conveyed by ambulance.	11,030	736	1372	74	13,212
Total miles travelled	108,168	11,683	20595	961	141,407
Number of ambulances per station	5	1	1	1	8
Whether manned by voluntary or full-time personnel	Full-time	1 full part vol.	Full-time	Vol.	

Sitting case Cars -

Number of journeys	Number of cases	Total mileage
1522	7588	70,807

Mental Health Service

This service is under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health. The Mental Welfare Officer for the area is Mr. B. Hughes, Civic Centre, Colwyn Bay, (Telephone Number: Colwyn Bay 55271).

Orthopaedic Clinics

These clinics are held at the Drill Hall, Llanrwst, on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. when staff from the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital attend.

Clinics are also held in hospitals serving the area.

Venereal Diseases Clinics

These clinics are held at H.M. Stanley Hospital, St. Asaph, on Tuesdays, between 4.30 and 6.30 p.m. and at the War Memorial Hospital, Wrexham, on Mondays between 5 and 7 p.m. (males) and Wednesdays between 5 and 7 p.m. (females).

Chiropody Clinic.

This clinic is held at the Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst, by appointment. Patients are referred by General Practitioners, Health Visitors and District Nurses. A charge of 2/6d per treatment is made. The number of persons who attended this clinic during the year was as follows:-

Llanrwst Clinic.

Average monthly number on register:	105
Number of sessions held at the Clinic:	94
Number of appointments for treatment:	533
Number of patients attending for treatment:	448

The above figures include patients from the Hiraethog and Aled Rural Districts.

Free treatment was given during the year to aged persons living at Bryn Derwen Home for the Aged. The number of treatments given was as follows:-

Number of sessions held:	24
Number of appointments for treatment:	126
Number of patients attending for treatment:	122

Family Planning Clinics

Clinics are held as follows:-

Nant-y-Glyn Clinic, Colwyn Bay.	Mondays, 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
The Clinic, Fforddlas, Rhyl	Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m.
The Clinic, Prestatyn	Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m.
1 Grosvenor Road, Wrexham	Thursdays, 2 - 4.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6.15 - 7.30

Cervical Cytology Clinics

Clinics are held as follows:-

1 Grosvenor Road, Wrexham	Thursdays, 5.30 - 8 p.m. By appointment only.
Nant-y-Glyn Clinic, Colwyn Bay.	Fridays, 5 - 8 p.m. By appointment only.

and also by General Practitioners.

Chest Clinics.

Patients from the Urban District usually attend the chest clinics held weekly at Llandudno and Rhyl Hospitals.

Infant Welfare Clinics.

This clinic is held every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. at the Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst, and the attendance during the year was as follows:-

Year of Birth	First Attendances
1967	68
1966	79
1965/62	129

Total attendances, Under 1 year: 847
1 - 5 years: 590

These figures include babies from the Rural Districts who also attend this clinic.

Special transport to the clinic is provided from the Llangernyw area as there are no convenient buses.

Welfare foods are available at the Clinic every Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Fair Days (the first Wednesday in each month) between 1 and 4 p.m. for residents in the rural area only.

School Ophthalmic Clinics

These clinics are held at the Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst by appointment.

Child Guidance Clinics.

Clinics are held by appointment as follows:-

Bod Difyr, Cefn Road, Colwyn Bay.	Wednesdays and Fridays
Gatefield Clinic, Kings Mills Road, Wrexham	Thursdays and Fridays
Mercier House Clinic, Russell Road, Rhyl	Mondays.

Dental Clinics

The School Dental services in the area have been almost non-existent during the past few years. It is hoped that during the coming year, arrangements will be made for the Mobile Dental Unit to visit the area to cover the Llanrwst and Gerrigydrudion areas. It will then be possible to bring children to the Unit from schools in the surrounding area. In this way treatment can be performed in the best possible conditions.

School Health Attendant.

The School Health Attendant visited the schools for the purpose of routine testing of children's vision and hearing. Children who were found to have defective hearing and/or vision were followed up and referred to a consultant for further examination where necessary. Boys aged 7 years have a colour vision test in addition to vision tests.

The number of children tested during the year was as follows:-

	Vision Sweeps	Audiometric Sweeps
Number of children tested:	32	159
Number of children satisfactory:	27	144
Number of defects:	5	15
Number for observation:	5	15

Speech Therapy Clinic.

The Speech Therapist visits Llanrwst each week and treatment is offered to school children and those approaching school age. It is fortunate that in Llanrwst the Speech Therapist is Welsh speaking.

The children are referred by doctors, school nurses and head teachers and have a variety of speech problems varying from complete lack of speech and language development to mis-articulation of a single sound and stammerer A number of children attend each week for treatment, but others may attend at intervals for advice. In some cases, particularly with younger children, direct treatment may be unnecessary, and advice re management is given to the parents.

Close liaison is maintained with other departments in the School Health Service and the Speech Therapist visits schools in the area to discuss probl with the staff, whose co-operation is greatly appreciated.

The speech therapy clinic is always well attended, and parents appear to be most grateful for the advice and treatment offered.

Nursing Services.

The following are the names and addresses of the nursing staff serving the area:-

Health Visitor:

Miss R H. Jones, The Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst.
Tel. No. Llanrwst 345

Tuberculosis Health Visitor:

Miss E. Leach Jones, Bryn Glas, 36, Links Acre, Rhuddlan.
Tel. No. Rhuddlan 626.

District Nurse:

Sister E. M. Massey, Plas Tirion, Trefriw.
Tel. No. Llanrwst 386

Domestic Help Service.

The number of cases where domestic help was provided was as follows:-

Chronic Sick and aged:	7
Over 65 years of age:	27
Maternity:	1